

REMARKS

Claims 28-36, and 55-56 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-27 and 37-54 have been cancelled. Claims 30 and 31 have been amended. Applicant has elected Group IV, claims 28-36. New claims 55-56 have been added. No new material has been added.

Applicant believes that the foregoing amendments place this application in condition for allowance. As such, early, favorable action on the merits is requested. If for any reason the Examiner finds the Application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing this application in condition for allowance.

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment associated with this Response, to Deposit Account No. 16-1805.

Respectfully submitted,

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